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Berkeley Alone is not being Heard From—What is the Berkeley Committee Doing.

THE NEW ROAD.

The Directors of San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Road Selected.

There has been a great deal of activity in San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Stockton, and other places, in reference to the new valley railroad, during the last week, each place vieing with each other to offer the best inducements to the managers of the road.

Berekeley was inflicted with a little enthusiasm one evening, when a mass meeting was called, but since that time the matter has evidently dropped out of sight, as far as Berkeley is concerned.

We had hoped that Berkeley would have taken hold of the matter in good earnest, as there is not a more desirable place on the bay for a railroad terminus than is afforded at West Berkeley.

To be sure, the water front is claimed by private individuals, but this frontage could be purchased at reasonable figures, and if accepted by the new company would be the means of doubling Berkeley's population and taxable property within five years.

Oakland has raised over one hundred thousand dollars, and the subscription movement has only just begun. In San Francisco two millions and a quarter of dollars has been raised, and ten per cent. of that amount has now been paid into the California Bank, which is acting as temporary treasury.

Yesterday the stockholders met and elected their directors in the persons of the following named gentleman:

Claus Spreckles, John D. Spreckles, W. F. Whittier, J. B. Stetson, Robert Watt, A. H. Payson, Charles Holbrook, Lewis Gerstle, Alvonza Hayward, Isaac Upham and Thomas Magee.

The meeting was a very enthusiastic one, and everyone felt that it was the dawning of a new era in the progress of California.

The articles of incorporation will be filed with the Secretary of the State by the first of the week and then the directors will hold their first meeting and elect their President, Secretary and Treasurer As soon as this is done the question of route will be considered and just as soon as this is fixed upon surveyors will be placed in the field, and the work of building the new competing road will be commenced.

It is very probable that the road will be commenced from Bakersfield and be built as rapidly as possible into Stockton, so that it will be able to handle this year's crop of wheat, hay and fruit. It will then be continued on to San Francisco.

If Berkeley is to share in this new project which will help every section that it goes through, our citizens had better get a hurry on or they will be left out in the cold.

We are now bound hand and foot by the Southern Pacific Company, and if a citizen of Berkeley desires to go to Sacramento or any other point on the road he has to go to Sixteenth street, Oakland, both going and coming and this too when the trains pass through Berkeley. The Trustees a short time ago passed an ordinance requiring the company to stop all trains at West Berkeley, but before it was allowed to go into effect the company cracked its whip and the ordinance was rescinded.

Wake up, people of Berkeley, and throw off the yoke that the Octopus now compels you to wear.

As the Telephone Company are erecting new poles about town it might be well to have them painted. The old Electric Light Company were compelled to paint their poles but the Telegraph and Telephone Companies are allowed to let them go without painting.

And now it looks very much as though the Hayward's Electric Railroad would be extended to San Jose. It just needs a start, such as has been made by the Valley Railroad, to unlosen the purse strings of capital and make business in this glorious State hum.

The great horse show for the benefit of the Fabiola Hospital in Oakland is taking shape and now promises to be a great success both socially and financially.

The Board of Trustees set apart this evening for a Committee of the Whole to examine thh water rates and the report filed by the Water Company.

Boy's Day.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 20.—The Assembly made itself ridiculous today passing a bill regulating the wearing of hats by ladies in theaters. What will it do next? It cannot find time to curb its own extravagance or to attend to legitimate legislation, but steps aside to attempt to regulate what it cannot regulate and should not regulate. It is suggested that the Assembly might follow its absurd law-making attempt [illegible] it should regulate the size [illegible] shoes and the height of [illegible] men may wear, with [illegible] exempting the "railroad [illegible] of legislators. The width of [illegible] brim might be regulated by [illegible] Some of the fashionable [illegible] restaurants in the East pro[illegible] wearing of mustaches or other facial hirsute adornments by their waiters under penalty of dismissal. An attempt to force such a rule in San Francisco was not successful, and yet the Assembly is reccommended to make a law of similar trend.

Then the restaurants might enforce it. In the old colonial statutes there were some severe regulation outside the blue laws regarding observance. It would be wise for the Assembly to study these. As that body of the Legislature seems to be about 200 years behind the age it might make itself still more ridiculous by copying these and introducing them.

"Down with high hats!" was the slogan that stirred the Assembly this morning, and when all the oratorical pyrotechnics had been loosened the lawmakers placed themselves on record against the dreams in headgear, with nodding plumes, gaudy birds, brilliant flowers and ribbons, and by a vote of 54 to 6 barred all these from being worn at places of public amusement,

The Committee on Public Morals reported the bill, the author of which is Kelsey of Orange, making it a misdemeanor to wear a hat at any assemblage, and recommended its passage.

Kelsey at once asked that the rules be suspended and his bill have its second and third readings at once, as de deemed it a case of urgency. This tickled the fancy of the House and there was no lack of support.

Belshaw of Antioch feared that the bill was benath the dignity of the House. He was opposed to making the House an instrument for playing jokes. The Assemblymen, he urged, were not a lot of schoolboys.

Cutter of Yuba rallied to the bill's assistance. He denied that the matter was a joke.

Judge Waymire of Alameda thought the matter was of too light a character to cause the House to delay its proceedings, besides he thought it was discourteous to the ladies.

Powers of San Francisco was in favor of the bill, but he was sure that he meant no discourtesy to the ladies. Men were included in the provision of the bill as well as women.

Wade of Napa called attention to the fact that the bill referred to persons "violating the provisions of section 17," and made them liable to imprisonment for twenty-five days. The bill was faulty, he urged, as there were only four sections in it and it should be amended before its passage.

Thomas called for the previous question and the bill was put on its third reading, with the result that it passed by a vote of 48 to 14.

As soon as the result was announced Brusie of Sacramento asked leave to explain why he voted in the negative. He thought the bill should have been directed against the management, and he would then have voted for its passage.

"You have voted for this bill now," he concluded. "You think it is a very fine thing. But when your wife has been marched out of the theater by a burly policeman, taken to jail and fined $25 for violating some of its provisions you may change your way of thinking."

And this is the bill they passed:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons visiting any place of public amusement to wear hats, bonnets, hoods or other headwear during the hours of the performance, and any person violating the provisions of this act shall be liable to the person aggrieved in damages not to exceed the sum of $50.

SEC. 2. Any person or persons violating the provisions of section 1 of this act shall, in addition to the damages imposed in section 1, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction, be fined a sum not to exceed the sum of $25, or be imprisoned in the County Jail not to exceed twenty-five days.

SEC 3. The provisions of the above sections shall be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Hartford is having a series of five-cent concerts. The managers should engage Nickelini.

Tugboats are like human beings, inasmuch as some of them tow out and some of them tow in.

If there is luck in odd numbers, why is it that when a man has lost money he always want to even up?

The Mississippi is the artery of the nation; therefore some think that money spent upon its improvement is expended in vein.

Can a man who stands in with a few of his creditors, to the detriment of the others and his own good, be said to be in good standing?

A question for lawyers—If a flea bites a dog, and so enrages the animal that the dog bites a man, can the flea be indicted as an accessory before the fact?

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If you will notice it, this world is divided into two great classes. One class brags about things which it does not possess, and the other possesses things which it does not brag about.

The man who talks grandly of what he is going to do with his money when he gets it, may lay claim to wealth of expression, but when he comes into his fortune he is apt to be known by his poverty of performance.

Many a professional thief may claim, with truth, that he has been well brought up—that is to say, brought up for trial. The bringing up was all right, but had he been right he would never have been brought up.

A young man in Lowell applied for a marriage license, and coutdn't tell his mothers name. We are not informed whether it was because he was a deaf-mute or only because his mother changed her name so often that he had lost his reckoning.

"I thought I'd call round," as the ball said when it came through the window pane. "I'll get square with you," soliloquized the housemaid, hiding it in the cupboard. Then the boys called round, but the honsemaid made them pay for the broken square.

A Newburyport parrot, which had been in one family for over fifty years, died last week. It was a great relief to the family when the bird died. If he had ever got out of the house alive, there would have been the richest dish of gossip that ever delighted the good people of Newburyport.

Everywhere but upon the stage the steel pen has usurped the place of the goose quill. Is the stage simply conservative in this matter, or is the quill the only sort of pen that can write those rapidly indited letters, the envy and the shame of the stenographer, and the wonder of the literary world?

Araminta thinks seriously of applying for divorce, on the ground of fraud. She was induced to marry Frederick, she said, principally because everybody said he was a rising young man; but when it comes to getting up to build the kitchen fire these cold mornings, he doesn't rise worth a cent. Hence Araminta's grievance.

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

In accordance with the custom that has obtained for many years, and with both the National and State laws, the 22nd of February, birthday of the great Washington, acknowledged by all as father of his country, is proclaimed a holiday. In order that all attached to the GAZETTE may observe it, in a manner becoming American citizens, this paper will not be issued on that day.

AVENUES, STREETS AND ALLEYS.

One very great source of trouble and annoyance to the people of Berkeley is its partially opened streets. There are but very few that are continuously open across the full length or breadth of the town. It puts one very much out of patience to get part way through an avenue or street and find it blocked by a fence. In order to get beyond and into the same street again you are forced to retrace your steps and go quite a distance out of your way before returning to the same track again. Perchance this may occur several times ere you arrive at the place started for.

Berkeley was quite unfortunate in the employment of either careless or incompetent engineers in the early stages of her growth. The consequence is so much crookedness in her streets and blocks of land. It must seem queer to visitors when they discover that every block or nearly so in the town is out of square; that streets run straight but for short distances. Often it looks as if an earthquake had struck one portion of the roadway and pushed it partially to one side. For all of this carelessness, or more likely ignorance, the present property owners are having to pay.

At the same time all of these troubles are in existence and sooner or later must be remedied. It is quite certain that in a growing town like this the cost of condemning the land and paying for the same cannot be done cheaper than at the present day, barring, of course, the cost of such printing as the law requires, which is now costing at least one-third more than it can be done for.

Looking at it in this light the town should use all means it can immediately to have every street, avenue and alley opened throughout. The action of the present Board of Trustees would be correct if they were not so unfortunate as to make so many mistakes, which adds materially to the cost of this very necessary work.

The time is not far distant when the whole water front should be made available. Then all the cross streets leading thereto ought to be free and unimpeded. The time will also come when the ownership of Berkeley's water front will come into the Courts for adjudication. Claims are laid to portions of it which may be legal or not. That will be for the Courts to determine.

One thing is certain that the ownership of all streets and the water front should be vested in the town. What she does not own should be got fairly and squarely into her possession and then she will be in a way to do a great many things that otherwise are impossible.

Can the town to-day construct a wharf on any portion of the water-front without having a legal contest as to ownership?

Streets, avenues and alleys are particularly spoken of in this article as they are in the foundation of the building of any town or city and should be the first thing looked to. First get all of these passage ways and then keep them in order. Other things follow, which may be written of hereafter, such as the ownership of water works and the town lighting plants.

Berkeley has grown so fast during the past five years that it has not kept up with the times in the way of internal improvements. The adoption of the new charter will probably help the matter to quite an extent. If we want to keep in the procession there is a great necessity of being up and doing or not only will new people stop coming here but many that are here will move away and the decay set in immediately.

Lake Tahoe Job.

A. W. Von Schmidt's old plan for bringing water into San Francisco has been revived in the Legislature by Ewing of San Francisco. The idea of getting this water will do very well if San Francisco should own her own water works. The present scheme is evidently for the purpose of paying for salaries to a few who cannot effect any great results. This is just the kind of a Legislature to get a bill as proposed through.

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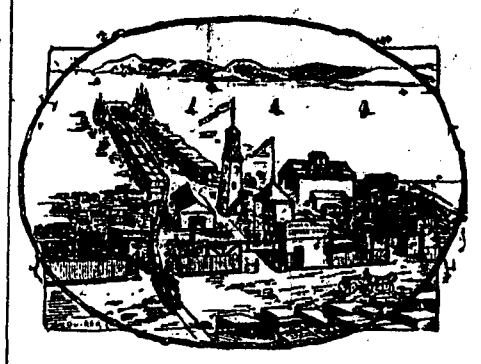
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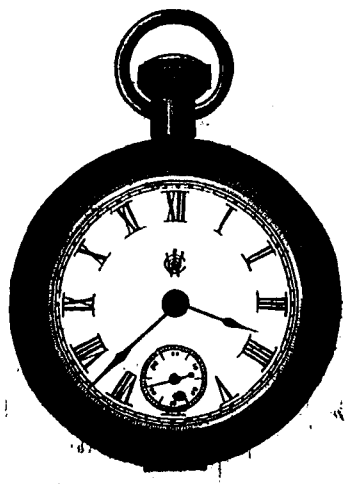
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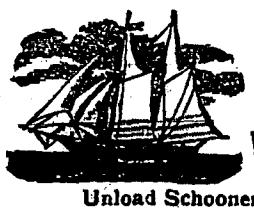

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Ira Bishop, receiver for the Piedmont Cable Railroad Company, was commissioned yesterday by Judge Frick to sell the property to satisfy a mortgage on the property for $1,060,197.33.

The indications are that another storm is brewing and that it will be here in a few days. We simply announce this so that the weather prophet in San Francisco may not be taken by surprise.

There will be a parade in Oakland tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, through the principal streets and thence to the ferry at the foot of Broadway and then to San Francisco.

The Telephone Company are putting in new poles in different parts of town and are extending their wires and making many other improvements.

After the first of March drop letters at the East Berkeley postoffice will require two cents postage, instead of one cent as at present.

An increased force of men have been put to work on the Water Company's tunnel in Wild Cat Canyon.

Subcsribe for the "Gazette"

Promiscuos Shooting.

Complaints are being made that here is altogether too much promiscuous shooting going on in the public streets in West Berkeley, both in the day and night time. No doubt many think it right to try a gun to see whether it is loaded or not in the street, particularly where there are not many houses. They little think how an action of this kind causes fear and trembling wherever the sound reaches. Another thing; it often send an officer to the spot in a hurry. He seldom gets to the place in time to catch the offender, who would be liable to a fine for the offense. Should anybody get caught in the act there is no doubt but what they would have to pay the penalty.

This article is for the information of parties who are probably unacquainted with the law, and might have to suffer. Again, some one is liable to get hurt by a stray shot, if not killed, hence the practice should be stopped.

Postmaster McCarthy states that in no case will the free delivery be extended to those whose houses are not numbered. Rod Cameron, the official numberer of Berkeley can be found at Strickers cigar store, near the corner of Shattuck avenue and Center street, by those whose houses need numbering, and they had better hurry up as the free delivery commences on the first of March.

The election for the new charter takes place on Tuesday next, and it is sincerely hoped that it will carry by a large majority. Berkeley must be in touch with the spirit of progress which has at last made its appearance in this section of the State, and in no way can it better be done than by voting for the new charter.

Tomorrow is a legal holiday and the banks and public institutions will be closed, also the public schools. A large number of the Berkeley people will go to San Francisco to witness the parade and the laying of the corner stone of the new building to be erected by the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Walter Woolsey of South Berkeley has taken a few days rest from the arduous duties of selling tickets at Berkeley station, and has gone to Gilroy on a visit. Berkeley is a nice place to live in, but it is kind of awkward when your best girl lives in some other town.

Tickets have been selling rapidly today for the grand athletic entertainment to be given this evening by the Crescent City Athletic Club at Shattuck Hall. The entertainment is a good one and one which will be very pleasing to all who may witness it.

Fred Douglass, the noted colored orator and statesman, died suddenly last night at his residence near Washington, D. C. He was about 80 years of age. He leaves two sons and a daughter by his first wife. His second wife is a white woman.

Mrs. Jennie L. Gressot of West Berkeley was on the 15th inst. married at Santa Cruz to Thomas A. Peckham, a well known citizen of that city. The bride is now at Berkeley on a visit to her friends.

There are quite a number of new residences being constructed in different portions of Berkeley.

Fred Hansen, who for the past year or more has been in the employ of Hervey Waterbury on Center street, yesterday accepted employment from James Feeney, superintendent of the Water Company's tunnel, and his genial countenance will be missed in town for sometime.

A party of students and coeds will start early tomorrow morning for a tramp to the Fish ranch. Their lunches will be sent on ahead by wagon. They expect to have a fine time. The trip will be made both ways on foot.

There will be no celebration of any kind in Berkeley tomorrow, and outside of the fact that old glory will be flung to the breeze one would not know that it was the birthday of the father of our country.

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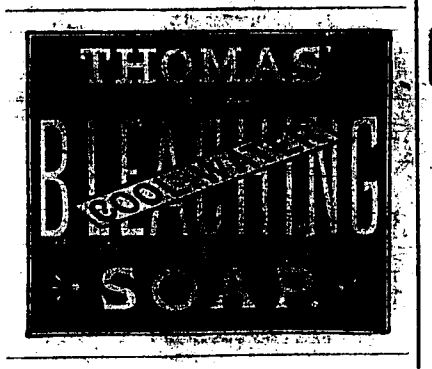

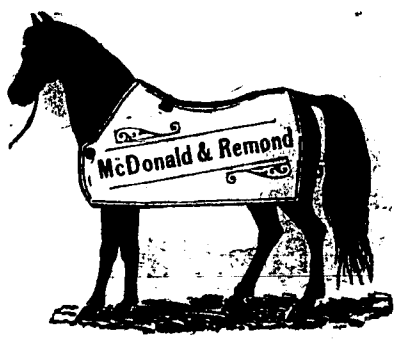

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